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THE ILLINOIS LITERACY EFFORT

ILLINOIS LITERACY COUNCIL

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LEADERSHIP
COOPERATION

Secretary of State's Literacy Office
Illinois State Library
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INITIATIVE

Initiative, leadership and cooperation have placed Illinois in the forefront of the national assault on adult illiteracy.

Committed to the support of a strong and lasting network of adult literacy services in Illinois, Secretary of State and State Librarian Jim Edgar has established a state-funded Literacy Grant Program and a Literacy Office in the Illinois State Library.

State Literacy Grant Program

The Secretary of State's Literacy Grant Program is the first of its kind in any state. This program provides state funds to **all types** of public and private adult literacy programs which demonstrate:

- A commitment to serving adults over the age of 16 who read below the 6th grade level.
- The use of trained volunteers as tutors and program advocates.
- Coordination and cooperation at the local level with related public agency programs.

Literacy Office

The Secretary of State's Literacy Office administers the state grant program and coordinates the activities of the Illinois literacy effort. The Literacy Office sponsors statewide conferences, publishes a monthly newsletter, serves as a clearinghouse for information, and provides technical assistance to the network of more than 200 adult literacy programs.

LEADERSHIP

Illinois Literacy Council

Chaired by Secretary Edgar, the Illinois Literacy Council is composed of 36 representatives from state agencies, the library and education communities, private foundations, the business sector and community-based organizations.

The Council provides visibility and serves as a forum for discussion and planning. Through public hearings, multi-media campaigns and special events, such as the 1986 **Literacy Weekend**, the Council has raised the level of public awareness concerning adult illiteracy.

Five Council subcommittees focus on major program areas:

- Prevention
- Public and Private Resources
- Public Information
- Training and Methodologies
- Volunteer/Student Recruitment

Local Literacy Coalitions

Community leadership through local coalitions is crucial to the success of the Illinois literacy effort.

Adult literacy program directors across the state have spearheaded the creation of more than 80 community coalitions. Membership includes both public and private sector interests which have joined forces for effective advocacy and fund-raising.

COOPERATION

Illinois has developed a diversified network of literacy programs which includes libraries, community colleges, public schools, Laubach Literacy Action councils, Literacy Volunteers of America affiliates, correctional institutions, community-based organizations and alternative schools.

Literacy providers are found in all regions of the state - urban, suburban, and rural. All are committed to cooperation and coordination among themselves and with the various agencies in their communities which provide related services.

At the state level, the Secretary of State's Literacy Office works in close cooperation with:

- Illinois State Board of Education
 - Adult Education Section
 - Pre-Kindergarten Program
 - Truant/Alternative Program
- Illinois Community College Board
- Illinois Department of Corrections
 - School District #428
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs
 - JTPA Program Division
- Illinois Department of Public Aid
 - Project Chance Program
- Governor's Office of Voluntary Action

MATERIALS

The following materials are available through the Secretary of State's Literacy Office:

Annual Report of the Illinois Literacy Council, 1985.

Annual Report of the Illinois Literacy Council, 1986.

By-Laws for Local Literacy Coalitions (Selected Samples)

Bibliography of Adult New Reader Collection. Compiled by Shawnee Library System. Annotated. 2500 Titles by Grade level.

Chronology of the Illinois Literacy Effort, 1984 – 1987.

Posters, Print Ads and Recruitment Cards. Targeting volunteers, students and potential drop-out population. Recruitment cards available in Spanish and English.

Illinois Libraries
Volume 67, no.7. Illinois Literacy Effort, September 1985.

Volume 69, no.6. Illinois Literacy Effort Update, to be published in June 1987.

"Passing the Word" newsletter, March 1985 – Present (monthly).

Resource Directory of Illinois Literacy Programs, to be published in June 1987.

Secretary of State's Literacy Grant Program Information.
Rules and Regulations, Application Forms, Enabling Legislation.

ILLINOIS LITERACY COUNCIL

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Rosemary Anderson, The Anderson Company
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Valerie J. Wilford, Illinois Valley Library System
Ex-officio members:
Ted Sanders, State Superintendent of Education, Illinois State Board of Education
Joan Y. Seamon, Coordinator, Illinois Literacy Effort

ILLINOIS LITERACY HOTLINE

1-800-321-9511

Linking Volunteers and Students With Programs

Hotline numbers for neighboring states:

Indiana –	1-800-624-7585
Missouri –	1-800-521- READ
Wisconsin –	1-800-472-0024

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FEW EFFORTS PROMISE GREATER RETURNS

SEA UN MEJOR LECTOR:



CAMBIE SU VIDA



1-800-321-9511

Linea de Información para Aprender a Leer y Escribir en Illinois

Uniendo a Estudiantes con Tutores

JIM EDGAR

Secretario y Bibliotecario Estatal

Algunas personas ESPERAN para que las cosas pasen.

Otras personas CAUSAN que las cosas occuran.
¿Y usted que?

Si usted ha tenido dificultad aprendiendo a leer, cambie esto llamándonos. Nosotros le pondremos en contacto con alguien que le podrá ayudar, un tutor. Juntos, ustedes pueden escoger un horario para reunirse.

La ayuda es gratis, confidencial, y para adultos como usted, o tal vez un amigo. La ayuda es disponible en español.

Cambie Su Vida



1-800-321-9511

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El Concilio de Illinois para Aprender a Leer y Escribir
Jim Edgar, Presidente

BE A READING TUTOR:

CHANGE A LIFE



1-800-321-9511

Illinois Literacy Hotline

Linking Students with Tutors

JIM EDGAR
Secretary of State
and State Librarian

Some people WAIT for things to happen.

Some people MAKE things happen. How about you?

There are two million adults in Illinois who have trouble reading or who cannot read at all. Many of them are calling the Illinois Literacy Hotline to be linked with local literacy programs. These programs all need volunteer tutors.

You could be one of them.

The training is brief. It only takes a weekend or maybe a couple of evenings. A coordinator will determine your student's reading level and will provide materials and support. You provide the most important element, the human element.

You will have something in common with your student immediately. You will know you are both people who are ready to

Make Things Happen

Volunteer Today



1-800-321-9511

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Illinois Literacy Council

Jim Edgar, Chairman

SEA UN TUTOR, ENSEÑE A LEER:



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Secretario y Bibliotecario Estatal

Algunas personas ESPERAN para que las cosas pasen.

Otras personas CAUSAN que las cosas ocurran.
¿Y usted?

En el estado de Illinois hay dos milliones de adultos que tienen problemas en su lectura y escritura o no pueden leer ni escribir. La mayoria de ellos llaman todos los dias a la Linea de Información de Leer y Escribir en Illinois para ser unidos con programas locales. Todos estos programas necesitan voluntarios.

Usted podria ser uno de ellos.

El entrenamiento es breve. Solamente tomará un fin de semana o tal vez unas dos veces por semana. Un cordinador determinara el nivel del estudiante y proveera materiales y asistencia. Usted proveera el elemento más importante, el elemento humano.

Inmediatamente usted tendrá algo en común con su estudiante. Usted se dara cuenta que ambos —

Causaran Que Las Cosas Ocurran

Hagase un voluntario hoy



1-800-321-9511

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EXAMPLES OF BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

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PROVIDING A WORKPLACE LITERACY PROGRAM:

HALSEY TAYLOR/THERMOS COMPANY in Freeport, Illinois, with support from labor leaders, holds two basic skills classes each week. Employees are grouped according to their reading level. Instruction occurs on site and employees are encouraged to participate. Highland Community College coordinates the program and provides instructors.

LENDING TIME, TALENT AND RESOURCES:

SUNDSTRAND CORPORATION has been a vital part of the Rockford Area Literacy Council since its inception. Sundstrand is represented on both the Council and the Advisory Board. Over the past three years, the corporation has donated $15,000 to the local effort and has been generous with in-kind contributions.

ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEES TO VOLUNTEER AS TUTORS:

NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY encourages employees to serve as community volunteers through an employee bulletin, a periodic survey, and sponsorship of a volunteer fair. Many employees have been matched with Chicago literacy programs through these efforts.

Few efforts can promise greater returns than Illinois' campaign to promote adult literacy.

When one adult in five is unable to understand operating manuals, office memoranda, or labels on dangerous materials, the need for businesses to become involved is obvious.

When you consider that the American workforce is ranked 49th in literacy among United Nations countries, you can understand why it is important to get behind the literacy effort NOW.

I urge you to join others across the state in meeting this challenge.

For information, please contact your local literacy provider or the Secretary of State's Literacy Office, (217) 785-6921.

Jim Edgar

Jim Edgar
Secretary of State and
State Librarian



Secretary of State Jim Edgar joins tutor and student team from his workplace literacy program for a reading instructional session.

If your business is concerned about adult illiteracy because it affects

- your community
- your workforce
- your potential market

Here's your invitation to become a

PARTNER IN LITERACY

Sponsored by the
Illinois Literacy Council

BECOME A PARTNER IN LITERACY—BECAUSE PROMOTING LITERACY IS TENDING TO BUSINESS.

Business leaders in Illinois are aware that there is a tremendous illiteracy problem, both in Illinois and throughout the United States. An incredible one out of five Illinois adults—*more than two million people*—are functionally or marginally illiterate, and cannot read at a sixth grade level.

These non-literate people come from all walks of life and every cultural background. Available data indicates that 64 percent are white, 22 percent are black, and 14 percent are Hispanic.

Imagine what life must be like for someone who cannot read, as you are doing now. Think of the many missed opportunities, the lost potential, as the world passes them by. And consider the tremendous costs to business, to the workforce—and to the non-literates themselves.

ILLITERACY COSTS IN MANY WAYS!

Non-literates are handicapped because they

- ☐ **Can't fill out job applications.**
- ☐ **Can't read employees' training manuals.**
- ☐ **Can't aspire to promotions that require reading or writing skills.**
- ☐ **Can't read or write personal letters, or even read a story to a child.**

Businesses suffer because illiteracy

- ☐ **Decreases productivity and efficiency of the workforce.**
- ☐ **Limits the pool of workers with skills that business needs, or will need in the future.**
- ☐ **Puts a ceiling on the ability to attract new customers. (It's hard to sell someone who can't read a company's advertisements, or satisfy them when they can't read labels, instructions and warranties).**
- ☐ **Increases the chances of accidents.**
- ☐ **Means higher taxes.**

We all pay more

- **Illinois experiences an annual loss of $4.7 billion directly attributable to illiteracy (through lost tax revenues, lost purchasing power, and costly public assistance programs).**
- **Illiteracy correlates highly with many of our worst social problems including unemployment and underemployment, poverty, and crime. In Illinois,**
 - **unemployment insurance cost businesses more than $850 million annually;**
 - **welfare costs more than $1 billion annually;**
 - **the average cost of maintaining each prison inmate is more than $13,000 annually.**

THERE IS ENCOURAGING NEWS

Adult non-literates can be taught to read better. Thousands have learned to do so already. Many more need help—to learn the basic skills they need to help themselves.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are the more than 250 literacy organizations who delivery local literacy programs in communities throughout Illinois. We include not-for-profit community-based organizations, affiliates of Literacy Volunteers of America and of Laubach Literacy Programs, public libraries, and adult education centers. (We also have programs available for those persons learning English as a second language).

AN INVITATION

You don't have to be an expert in literacy training to become a PARTNER IN LITERACY. The only degree you need is a *degree of caring*.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? *YOU DECIDE.*

We know that businesses have varying levels of time and/or resources to devote to literacy, so we have developed a menu of activities to help your company find a practical and appropriate way to participate. For example:

YES

- ☐ *Could you display available literacy promotion materials?*
- ☐ *Could you provide space in which classes could be held?*
- ☐ *Could we help your company by setting up on-site literacy classes for your employees?*
- ☐ *Would you encourage your employees to become involved as tutors?*
- ☐ *Could your company provide in-kind assistance in promotion, accounting, printing, data processing, photo copying, etc.?*
- ☐ *Could you donate surplus or obsolete office equipment and furnishings such as typewriters, computers, desks, etc.?*
- ☐ *Would you prefer to provide financial support for the adult literacy effort?*
- ☐ *Are there other ways you believe your company could help?*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We hope your company will become a PARTNER IN LITERACY. If you would like to participate, or want more information, just complete and mail this card today. A literacy representative will contact you shortly thereafter.

☐ We would like more information on becoming a PARTNER IN LITERACY.

☐ We have a specific interest in: (check as many as apply)

- ☐ Setting up basic programs for our workforce
 - ☐ in basic reading
 - ☐ in English as a Second Language
- ☐ Providing non-tutoring, in-kind service and/or resources.
- ☐ Donating equipment, supplies, or other resources.
- ☐ Assisting in student and/or volunteer tutor recruiting.
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

- ☐ Providing financial assistance.

Person to Contact: _____

Company Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

Best Time to Call: _____

PARTNERS IN LITERACY––
BECAUSE PROMOTING LITERACY
IS TENDING TO BUSINESS

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

MAIL TO:

MAIL CARD TO STAMPED ADDRESS ABOVE.

WHAT SOME COMPANIES HAVE DONE

Several Illinois companies have participated in literacy programs. Here are just a few of them, and the ways they participated.

Arranged Classes for Their Employees Who Wanted Help:
Holiday Inns, Springfield—21 percent of their employees wanted to upgrade their reading skills. One-on-one instruction was given to those who read below the sixth grade level. Those with higher reading skills were enrolled in special community programs.

Sponsored Tutor Training Sessions:
The Northern Trust Company, Chicago, called for employees to volunteer. Response was so great that on-site training courses were set up to prepare volunteer tutors.

Contributed Guidance and Administrative Support:
Executives at Sundstrand Corporations, Rockford, serve on both the area Literacy Council and the Advisory Board.

Gave In-Kind Support:
Many companies have made available meeting rooms, use of equipment, mailing facilities, supplies, etc.

Gave Financial Support:
Chicago Tribune Charities, Chrysler Corporation —Belvidere, Gannett Foundation, Washington National Insurance, among others.

Helped Spread the Word About Prevention Efforts:
More than 210 Illinois companies allowed use of their names on posters and materials designed to help reduce the number of high school dropouts.
Illinois Bell promoted the "Illinois Literacy Hotline" in its TELEBRIEFS (1-800-321-9511).

Used Their Special Skills:
The Decatur Herald & Review publishes a special monthly community news summary designed for low-level readers.

Optometrists and Ophthalmologists have donated exams and glasses through local literacy programs.

What is the Best Way for Your Company to Participate?

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CHICAGO

† 1. **Albany Park Community Center** **$69,282**
3401 West Ainslie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60625
Frank Albanese
(312) 539-5907
Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: Albany Park Branch Library, Chicago Public Lirary, North River Community Church.

2. **Alternative Schools Network** **$67,565**
1105 West Lawrence
Chicago, Illinois 60640
Jack Wuest
(312) 728-4030
Youth/Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: 11 Alternative Schools Network members and 9 other organizations, most of which receive separate funding from the Secretary of State's literacy grant program.

3. **Austin Career Education Center** **$51,928**
5352 West Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60651
Sister Barbara Heneghan
(312) 626-6988
Accent on Advancement

4. **Better Boys Foundation** **$12,970**
1512 South Pulaski Road
Chicago, Illinois 60610
Tej Gupta
(312) 277-9582
Loucks – Zimmerman Reading Lab

5. **Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center** **$32,740**
5655 South University Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60637
Claudia Blake
(312) 955-4108
Project Three R's
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Literacy Volunteers of Chicago.

6. **Cambodian Association of Illinois** **$28,358**
1105 West Lawrence
Chicago, Illinois 60640
Dr. James H. Lewis
(312) 878-7090
Cambodian Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Northwest Educational Cooperative

† 7. **Casa Aztlan** **$20,789**
1831 South Racine Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60608
Jena Camp
(312) 666-5508
EduAccion: Literacy in Community-Based Adult Education

8. **Chicago Public Library** **$59,273**
425 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Pat Lucas
(312) 269-2812
Chicago Public Library Basic Reading Program
Participating Agencies: Literacy Volunteers of Chicago

9. **Chicago Urban League** **$73,300**
4510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60653
Dr. Gwendolyn Laroche
(312) 285-5800 X433, 344
Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: Literacy Volunteers of Chicago

†10. **City Colleges of Chicago** **$65,397**
226 West Jackson Boulevard
Office 1342
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Talmadge C. Guy
(312) 641-0808 x2056
City Colleges of Chicago Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Chicago Public Library, Chicago Urban League, Westside Youth Boosters and Civic Committee.

11. **Community Alliance of Metropolitan Chicago** **$24,311**
1350 South Racine
2nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60608
Reginald G. Payne
(312) 829-2672
Community Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Chicago Public Library, Literacy Volunteers of Chicago

12. **Community Christian Alternative Academy, CCA** **$35,163**
940 West 13th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60623

† Denotes program offering English-as-a-Second-Language instruction.

Rosa Thomas
(312) 762-2272
CCA Literacy Program

13. **Community Renewal Society** **$50,591**
28 East Jackson
Suite 1324
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Jody Raphael
(312) 939-5788
Chicago Literacy Coordinating Center
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Austin Career Education Center, Centro Latino/Universidad Popular, Chicago Public Library, Chicago Tribune Charities, City of Chicago, Chicago City Colleges, Field Corporation, Literacy Volunteers of Chicago, The Illinois Literacy Council.

†14. **Instituto del Progreso Latino** **$57,970**
1919 South Blue Island Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60608
Ruth Sanchez de Schlachter
(312) 421-5429
Spanish Literacy: Basic and Advanced

15. **Jane Addams Resource Corporation** **$17,671**
1800 West Cuyler
Chicago, Illinois 60613
Mary LaPorte
(312) 871-1151
Learning Unlimited

16. **Lake Shore Senior Center** **$27,948**
4403 North Sheridan
Suite 201
Chicago, Illinois 60640
Kim Brady
(312) 989-4640
Lake Shore Center Adult Learning Program
Participating Agencies: Chicago Youth Foundation, Uptown Community Learning Center.

17. **LaSalle St. CYCLE** **$52,669**
515 West Oak Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610
Greg Darnieder
(312) 664-0895
Literacy for All

†18. **Latino Youth, Inc.** **$57,011**
29015 West Cermak Road
Chicago, Illinois 60623
Richard Rutschman
(312) 277-0400
Latino Youth Literacy Program

19. **Literacy Council of Chicago** **$57,970**
77 West Washington
Room 1110
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Myra Johnson
(312) 372-3446
Volunteer Literacy Improvement Program
Participating Agencies: Youth Service Project, Inc.

†20. **Literacy Volunteers of Chicago, Inc.** **$75,200**
9 West Washington
Suite 460
Chicago, Illinois 60602
George Hagenauer
(312) 236-0341
LVC 1988 Action Plan
Participating Agencies: Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center, Chicago Commons Association, Chicago Public Library, Community Alliance of Metropolitan Chicago, Howard Area Community Center, Literacy Council of Chicago, Westside Holistic Family Center.

21. **LULAC Council 313** **$24,292**
431 South Dearborn
Suite 1604
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Raul R. Rios
(312) 663-1111
The Value of Literacy
Participating Agencies: Casa Aztlan, Centro Latino/Universidad Popular, Hispanic Literacy Council, Latino Youth, Inc., Secretary of State's Hispanic Advisory Council.

22. **Prologue, Inc.** **$45,809**
1105 West Lawrence
Chicago, Illinois 60640
Dr. Alice Trebatoski
(312) 728-7221
Prologue Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Literacy Volunteers of Chicago, Truman College.

23. **Roosevelt University** **$60,237**
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Gayle Mindes

† Denotes program offering English-as-a-Second-Language instruction.

(312) 341-3868
Adult Basic Literacy and Employment (ABLE)

†24. **Safer Foundation/ PACE** **$73,300**
571 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Ben Greer, III
(312) 927-1536
Enabling the Enablers "88"
Participating Agencies: Christ Church--Oak Brook, Literacy Volunteers of America-Illinois, Inc., Literacy Council of Chicago.

25. **Southern School** **$34,756**
1456 West Montrose
Chicago, Illinois 60613
Madeleine Raymond
(312) 769-0185
Southern School Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Literacy Council of Chicago, Literacy Volunteers of Chicago.

26. **Sullivan House** **$33,145**
7305 South Clyde
Chicago, Illinois 60649
Meryl Domina
(312) 723-1490
Sullivan House Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network.

27. **Uptown Community Learning Center** **$36,299**
1222 West Wilson Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60640
Rena Bryson
(312) 275-4067
Uptown Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Uptown People's Community Service Center, Uptown People's Law Center.

28. **Westside Holistic Family Center** **$25,241**
5437 West Division Street
Chicago, Illinois 60651
Edward Boyd
(312) 921-8777
Read Now
Participating Agencies: Alternative Schools Network, Urban Youth/Literacy Coalition.

†29. **Youth Service Project, Inc.** **$36,930**
3942 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60647
Robert P. Villani
(312) 772-6270
READ (Reading Enables Achievement and Direction)

SUBURBAN CHICAGO

* 30. **Northwest Educational Cooperative** **$57,107**
500 South Dwyer Avenue
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005
Dennis Terdy
(312) 870-4150
Collection Access for Language & Literacy (CALL) II
Participating Agencies: DuPage, Suburban, North Suburban Libraries, Literacy Volunteers of America-Illinois, Inc.

†31. **Township High School District 214** **$52,522**
2121 South Goebbert Road
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005
Richard V. Chierico
(312) 437-4600
READ NOW: Literacy in the Classroom and Beyond
Participating Agencies: Arlington Heights Memorial Library, District 214 Community Education Advisory Council, High School District 211, Northwest Suburban Reading Coalition.

†32. **Waubonsee Community College** **$57,928**
5 East Galena Boulevard
Aurora, Illinois 60506
Connie Dickson
(312) 892-3334
Adult Literacy Volunteer Project
Participating Agencies: Aurora East Public Schools Dist. 131, Aurora Urban League, Aurora West Public Schools Dist. 129, Family Focus, Fox Valley Work Release Center, Job Training Dept. of Kane, Illinois Dept. of Public Aid, Kane County Adult Correctional Center, and 9 public libraries.

†33. **Literacy Volunteers of NW Suburban Cook County** **$21,759**
401 West Dundee
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

† Denotes program offering English-as-a-Second Language instruction.

** Denotes state program.*

Sheila Heck
(312) 537-9493
Literacy Volunteers of Northwest Suburban Cook County
Participating Agencies: Altrusa International Inc., Altrusa of Northern Cook, Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kingswood United Methodist Church, Save-on-Printing, Village of Buffalo Grove.

†34. **Prairie State College** **$40,716**
202 South Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411
Carol Crum
(312) 756-3110 X821
South Suburban Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: CEDA, Chicago Heights Public Library, East Chicago Heights Community Service Center, Grande Prairie Library, Park Forest Public Library, Vocational/ Community Based High School.

35. **Morton College** **$15,102**
3801 South Central Avenue
Cicero, Illinois 60650
Kathleen M. Jaycox
(312) 656-8000 X280
Morton Project CARE (Community Adult Reading Experience)
Participating Agencies: Berwyn Public Library, Stickney/Forest View Public Library.

†36. **South Area Literacy Council and Dolton Public Library District** **$42,891**
14037 Lincoln Avenue
Dolton, Illinois 60419
Elaine Krajci
(312) 849-0300
South Area Community Action Outreach: Phase III
Participating Agencies: Harvey Public Library, South Suburban YMCA – Harvey Center.

†37. **Gail Borden Public Library District** **$73,300**
200 North Grove Avenue
Elgin, Illinois 60120
Beverly Uhlar
(312) 742-2411
Volunteer Initiative: Total Adult Literacy (VITAL)
Participating Agencies: Centro de Informacion, Elgin Community College, Elgin YWCA, Literacy Volunteers of America-Elgin Area Affiliate, School District U-46.

38. **Evanston Township High School** **$57,009**
1600 Dodge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60204
Dr. Goldie V. Boldridge-Brown
(312) 492-3877
Adult Literacy Project

39. **Kane County Adult Corrections** **$5,181**
Box 31
Geneva, Illinois 60134
Marlan Tevis
(312) 232-6677
Project DESIRE (Directing Each Student Inmate Into Reading)
Participating Agencies: Aurora Christian Literacy Center, Waubonsee Community College.

†40. **College of DuPage** **$71,866**
22nd Street and Lambert Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137
Joanna Escobar
(312) 858-2800 X2548
College of DuPage – Public Library Literacy Coalition
Participating Agencies: Addison Public Library, Bensenville Community Public Library, Bloomingdale Public Library, Carol Stream Public Library, Glenside Public Library District, Itasca Community Library, Literacy Volunteers of Central DuPage, Literacy Volunteers of Illinois, Inc. and Wood Dale Public Library – East.

41. **Lincolnwood Public Library District** **$63,893**
4000 West Pratt Avenue
Lincolnwood, Illinois 60646
Ruth Whitney
(312) 677-5277
Oakton District Public Library Literacy Coalition
Participating Agencies: Oakton Community College and nine libraries or library districts.

* 42. **Literacy Volunteers of America – Illinois, Inc.** **$70,416**
402 Lake Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302
RaeLynne Toperoff
(312) 848-8440
Project SOL-Sharing Our Literacy - II

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** Denotes statewide program.*

Participating Agencies: A total of 39 agencies, including community colleges, libraries, educational institutions, community-based organizations, churches, businesses, and other organizations. leges, libraries, educational institutions, community-based organizations, churches, businesses, and other organizations.

†43. **Moraine Valley Community College** **$41,957**
10900 South 88th Avenue
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465
Phil Bobich
(312) 974-4300 X360
REVIVAL (Recruit Eager Volunteers Interested in Volunteering in Adult Literacy)
Participating Agencies: Crestwood Heights Nursing Centre, Orland Township Office, Project Courage, Southtown Economist, Worth Township Youth Commission, and ten libraries.

†44. **Triton College** **$54,849**
2000 Fifth Avenue
River Grove, Illinois 60171
Mary Bloom
(312) 456-0300 X417
Triton's Volunteers for Literacy
Participating Agencies: Twelve public libraries.

45. **Chicago Youth Centers – Robbins** **$16,866**
13409 South Woodlawn Avenue
Robbins, Illinois 60472
Bob Taylor
(312) 648-1550
Robbins Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Moraine Valley Community College

46. **Thornton Community College** **$55,139**
15800 South State Street
South Holland, Illinois 60473
MaryLou Duda
(312) 331-2332
Secretary of State's Literacy Grant Program
Participating Agencies: Harvey Public Library, South Area Literacy Council.

47. **Waukegan Public Library** **$53,085**
128 North County
Waukegan, Illinois 60085
Carol Morris
(312) 623-2041
Libraries for Literacy in Lake County
Participating Agencies: College of Lake County (literacy program and literacy coalition), Highwood Public Library, Lake Villa Public Library District, Literacy Volunteers of Lake County, Zion-Benton Public Library District.

†48. **World Relief Refugee Service – DuPage** **$20,699**
1028 College Avenue
Suite A
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
Djoua X. Xiong
(312) 583-9191
World Relief Literacy Project

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

* 49. **Northern Illinois University** **$16,028**
DeKalb, Illinois 60115
Dr. Phyllis M. Cunningham
(815) 753-1430
Illinois Literacy Hotline
Participating Agencies: Literacy programs across the state.

†50. **Sauk Valley Community College** **$46,817**
173 IL Route #2
Dixon, Illinois 61021
Linda Kim
(815) 288-5511 X241
Project VITAL
Participating Agencies: Dixon, Sterling Public Libraries.

†51. **Highland Community College** **$38,080**
Pearl City Road
Freeport, Illinois 61032
Craig R. Knaack
(815) 235-6121 X217
Literacy Outreach Program for Northwest Illinois

†52. **Kishwaukee College** **$34,184**
Route 38 and Malta Road
Malta, Illinois 60150
Julia Shaw Lamb
(815) 825-2086 X311
Literacy Education for Adults Program (LEAP)

†53. **Illinois Valley Community College** **$20,118**
2578 East 350th Road

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Oglesby, Illinois 61348
Dr. James J. Kafka
(815) 224-2720 X426
Opening Doors Through Literacy Training
Participating Agencies: Starved Rock Library System

†54. **Rockford Area Literacy Council** **$72,350**
220 South Madison Street
Rockford, Illinois 61108
Cynthia Smith
(815) 963-7323
Project READ
Participating Agencies: Regional Office of Education, Rock Valley College, Rockford Literacy (Laubach), Rockford Public Library, Washington Adult Center, YWCA.

55. **Rockford Public Library** **$21,878**
215 North Wyman Street
Rockford, Illinois 61101
Phyllis Morris
(815) 965-6731 X204
Library Services to Literacy
Participating Agencies: Ida Public Library, Rock Valley College, Rockford Area Literacy Council, Rockford Literacy (Laubach), Rockford Public Schools, North Suburban District Library, South Beloit Public Library.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS

†56. **McLean/DeWitt Regional Office of Education** **$30,433**
P.O. Box 3125
Bloomington, Illinois 61702
Joyce Fritsch
(309) 828-3309
Volunteer Organization for Literacy
Participating Agencies: Bloomington Public Library, Cornbelt Library System, Normal Public Library.

†57. **Spoon River College** **$58,772**
Rural Route One
Canton, Illinois 61520
Lorraine Farr
(309) 647-4645 X225
Spoon River College Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Altrusa Club of Canton, Catholic Social Services, Federated Business and Professional Women's Club, Fulton County Public Aid, Fulton County Health Department, Fulton County Probation Office, Head Start, McDonough County Rehabilitation Center.

†58. **Danville Area Community College** **$40,927**
2000 East Main Street
Danville, Illinois 61832
Dave Vinyard
(217) 443-8779
Danville Area Community College – Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: Catlin Public Library District, Danville Correctional Center, Danville Public Library, Elwood Township Carnegie Library, Oakwood Township Library District Demonstration Project, Veteran's Administration, Westville Public Library.

59. **Rolling Prairie Library System** **$72,350**
345 West Eldorado Street
Decatur, Illinois 62544
Janna Lutovsky
(217) 429-2586
Project READ and the Adult New Readers' Program
Participating Agencies: Decatur Public School District #61, JTPA, Macon County Educational Service Region, Richland Community College, and 9 public and township libraries.

†60. **CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation** **$42,618**
101 North 4th
4th Floor
Effingham, Illinois 62401
Chris Boyd
(217) 342-2195
CEFS Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: ACTION, CEFS/Community Services Block Grant, Cumberland Trail Library, Literacy Volunteers of America – Illinois, Inc., Vandalia Correctional Center.

†61. **Carl Sandburg College** **$49,402**
2232 South Lake Storey Road
Galesburg, Illinois 61401
Nancie Scattergood
(309) 344-2760
The Heartland Literacy Coalition
Participating Agencies: Literacy Volunteers of America-Galesburg Affiliate, Monmouth Adult Reading Center, Western Illinois Library System.

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†62. **Joliet Junior College** **$45,097**
214 North Ottawa Street
Joliet, Illinois 60431
Dr. Terry R. Irby
(815) 727-6544 X1449
Joliet Junior College District 525 Cooperative Literacy Project
Participating Agencies: Bolingbrook Fountaindale, Des Plaines Valley, Joliet, Romeoville Fountaindale, Wilmington Libraries, and Joliet Township High School.

†63. **Kankakee Community College** **$41,704**
P.O. Box 888
Kankakee, Illinois 60901
Richard J. Frey
(815) 933-0202
Adult Literacy Initiative Volunteers Expanded (ALIVE)
Participating Agencies: Eight public libraries.

†64. **Lake Land College** **$72,350**
South Route 45
Mattoon, Illinois 61938
Pat Hemmett
(217) 235-3131 X240
Coalition Between Project PAL and the Area Public Libraries
Participating Agencies: Mattoon Area Adult Education Center, Pana Learning Center, and 9 public libraries.

†65. **Black Hawk College** **$73,300**
3430 23rd Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265
Dee M. Goyen
(309) 797-8400
Literacy Is For Everyone (LIFE)
Participating Agencies: Black Hawk Foundation, Community Volunteer Program, East Moline Correctional Center, Heartland Literacy Coalition, Junior League of the Quad Cities, L.I.F.E. Council, Project NOW, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, River Bend, Western, Illinois Valley Library Systems, Scott Community College, Voluntary Action Center, WQAD/ABC, WQPT/PBS.

* 66. **Illinois State University** **$11,835**
College of Education
Normal, Illinois 61761
Dr. Fay F. Bowren
(309) 438-2453
Evaluation of Reading Achievement Gains Within Illinois Literacy Projects

†67. **Pekin YWCA** **$18,977**
315 Buena Vista
Pekin, Illinois 61554
Pat Pearson
(309) 347-2104
Pekin YWCA STAR Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: Common Place Adult Literacy Program, Pekin Public Library, Tazewell County Service Providers.

68. **Common Place** **$47,433**
514 South Shelley Street
Peoria, Illinois 61605
Nancy Rakoff
(309) 674-3315
Common Place Adult Literacy Program
Participating Agencies: District #150 Adult Education Center, Illinois Central College, Tri-County Urban League.

* 69. **Illinois Literacy, Inc.** **$38,110**
6910 North Rockvale
Peoria, Illinois 61614
Majorie Kroehler
(309) 691-0292
Illinois Literacy, Inc./LVA-I Expansion Project
Participating Agencies: Literacy Volunteers of America-Illinois, Inc.

†70. **Regional Superintendent of Schools** **$43,340**
Peoria County Courthouse
Room 501
Peoria, Illinois 61602
Susan S. Wohlfeld
(309) 672-6906
Project UPWARD (United Peoria Working on Adult Reading Development)
Participating Agencies: Central Illinois Private Industry Council SDA #15, Illinois Valley Library System, Literacy Volunteers of America-Illinois, Inc., Regional Superintendent of Schools.

71. **Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League** **$27,163**
317 South MacArthur Highway
Peoria, Illinois 61605
Tobie McMahon
(309) 673-7474

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CCP Learning Center
Participating Agencies: Central Illinois Private Industry Council SDA ±15, Common Place.

†72. **John Wood Community College** **$72,350**
150 South 48th Street
Quincy, Illinois 62301
MaryAnn Nickel
(217) 224-6500 X151
Literacy Volunteers of West Central Illinois

†73. **Champaign-Ford Regional Office of Education** **$73,300**
200 South Fredrick
Rantoul, Illinois 61866
Mary Schadeberg
(217) 893-1318
Cooperative Literacy Volunteer Programs
Participating Agencies: Allerton Public Library, Champaign Public Library, Parkland College, Rantoul Public Library, Urbana Adult Education Center.

†74. **Lawrence Adult Center** **$51,254**
101 East Laurel
Springfield, Illinois 62704
Judith Rake
(217) 525-3025
VIA/LITERACY
Participating Agencies: Lincoln Library.

†75. **Lincoln Land Community College** **$73,300**
Shepherd Road
Springfield, Illinois 62708
Sarah Watson
(217) 786-2289
Literacy Lifeline
Participating Agencies: Graham Correctional Center, Jacksonville Correctional Center.

METRO-EAST AREA

†76. **Belleville Area College** **$56,017**
2500 Carlyle Road
Belleville, Illinois 62223
Mary Brady
(618) 235-2700 X323
BRIDGE/READ
Participating Agencies: Collinsville School District #10, Programs & Services for Older Persons, St. Clair County Jail, Venice Lincoln Technical Center, and 11 libraries or library systems.

†77. **St. Clair County Regional Superintendent of Schools** **$67,962**
#10 Public Square
Belleville, Illinois 62220
Patricia Hunsaker
(618) 277-9830
LASER III (Libraries and Superintendents Efforts in Reading)
Participating Agencies: Kaskaskia Library System, Partners in Literacy, St. Clair County Adult Education Project.

* 78. **Regional Superintendent of Schools** **$54,293**
Monroe/Randolph Counties
#1 Taylor Street
Chester, Illinois 62233
Justine Liefer
(618) 826-5471
Project EDGAR (Efficient Data Generation Aiding Recordkeeping)
Participating Agencies: Literacy programs throughout the state.

79. **State Community College** **$37,394**
601 James R. Thompson Boulevard
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201
Mary Milam
(618) 274-6666 X343
Literacy Offers Valuable Education (LOVE)
Participating Agencies: Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, East St. Louis Housing Authority, VISTA.

* 80. **Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville** **$31,785**
Reading Center
Box 1122
Edwardsville, Illinois 62026
Dr. Valerie Meyer
(618) 692-3596
The Literacy Prescription
Participating Agencies: Belleville Area Community College, Kaskaskia Library System, Kaskaskia College, Lewis and Clark Community College, Lewis & Clark Library System, Monroe/Randolph Education Service Center, State Community College, St. Clair County Education Service Center, Venice-Lincoln Technical Center.

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FACT SHEET #2

THE ILLINOIS LITERACY REPORT

Funding

More than $6 million has been awarded specifically to literacy/volunteer programs in Illinois since FY86 through the Secretary of State's Literacy Grant Program and the Illinois State Library, Office of the Secretary of State.

Literacy Grants have been awarded to:

Libraries and library systems	Community-based organizations
Community colleges	Alternative schools
School districts	Correctional facilities
Regional Offices of Education	Literacy Volunteers of America-IL
Illinois Literacy Hotline	Laubach Literacy Action-IL

In FY88, an additional $4.1 million will be allocated.

Program Development

250 local literacy/volunteer programs and satellites have been established reaching every county in the state.

150 local literacy councils have been formed to support these programs through public awareness, fundraising activities, and community involvement.

30 regional coalitions have been formed composed of local program representatives who combine efforts for coordination and greatest impact at the regional level.

Students and Volunteers

25,000 adults have enrolled as students in literacy/volunteer programs since January 1985.

20,000 adults have been trained as volunteer reading tutors and program assistants and have given more than one million volunteer hours since January 1985.

The average student, with regular attendance (*at least two hours per week in class or tutoring*) gained one reading grade level for every six months of study.

Illinois Literacy Hotline 1 – 800 – 321-9511

Serves as a statewide referral system for students and volunteers. Since January 1985, a total of 8696 calls have been received and referrals made.

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For further information about literacy grants, contact:

Secretary of State's Literacy Office
431 S. Fourth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6921

For referral of students and volunteers to literacy programs, contact:

The Illinois Literacy Hotline



1 – 800 – 321-9511